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Council on Children's Mental Health

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10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Otter Creek Church of Christ

**MEETING SUMMARY**

***Attendee List:***

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| Giovonnte D. Baker | Deseree Ewing       | Laurie Powell      |
| Sumita Banerjee    | Jacquita Ewing      | Dawn Puster        |
| Louise Barnes      | Rhonda Ewing        | Kathy Rogers       |
| Susan Bell         | Deborah Gatlin      | Mary Rolando       |
| Carole Beltz       | Betty Adams Green   | John Rust          |
| Kathy Benedetto    | Stephanie Grissom   | Mary Linden Salter |
| Bonnie Beneke      | Vickie Harden       | Steve Sparks       |
| Shawn Brooks       | Kurt Hippel         | Deborah Stafford   |
| Pam Brown          | Jeanne James        | Susan Steckel      |
| Debbie Cagle       | Dustin Keller       | Millie Sweeney     |
| Dana Casey         | Richard Kennedy     | Doug Varney        |
| Janet Coscarelli   | James Martin        | Pat Wade           |
| Michelle Covington | Marilyn Medlin      | Michael Warren     |
| Shani Cutler       | Nneka Norman-Gordon | Ellyn Wilbur       |
| Janice Davidson    | Linda O'Neal        | Alysia Williams    |
| Bill Dobbins       | Scott O'Neal        | Marie Williams     |
| Carol Dunaway      | Cindy Perry         | Martavis Williams  |
| Richard Edgar      | Steve Petty         |                    |

**Welcome and Introductions (Linda O'Neal and Commissioner Doug Varney)**

- O'Neal explained today's agenda is primarily focused on the next steps for the Council and workgroups. The Workgroup Co-chairs held a retreat on June 13 to begin structuring work of the Council in preparation of the next reporting deadline July 2012. O'Neal asked everyone to participate in the breakout groups over lunch to ensure we receive feedback from the everyone about the next steps process.
- Commissioner Varney was pleased to announce the federal review of the K-Town Youth Empowerment Network went extremely well. TDMH has submitted a statewide System

of Care Expansion and Planning grant application to SAMHSA. More information will be provided later in the meeting and if awarded, notification should be received in September. The Early Connections Network will have an announcement of funding in July for project management.

#### **Acceptance of the Meeting Summary for April 21, 2011 (O'Neal)**

- The summary for April has not been finalized by staff. It will be submitted for approval at the August 25 meeting.

#### **Planning and Next Steps Process (Dustin Keller)**

*Refer to handouts, "CCMH Workgroup Structure and Next Steps," "Council on Children's Mental Health Overview," and "July 2010 Report to the Legislature Executive Summary."*

- Keller gave an overview of the process and accomplishments of CCMH. The Council was established in July 2008 by legislation resulting from the SJR 799 study process, and submitted its initial report in February 2009. The July 2010 report was the first required plan submitted to the legislature last year. The Council has used a similar workgroup structure as the one used in the study process.
- O'Neal noted, while the recession has had an impact on the Council's ability to request funding from the legislature, not all SOC goals and objectives will require funding.

#### **Overview of Statewide Expansion Grant Application (Susan Steckel)**

*Refer to handouts, "Statewide System of Care Expansion Planning Project (SOC-PP)" and "Goals and Objectives"*

- Steckel explained the grant application for \$670,000 from SAMHSA was developed by a diverse group of participants, including TennCare, TCCY, TAMHO, provider agencies, parents and youth. The application was a collaborative process and she thanked all who participated or provided feedback. If funded, Steckel will be the Principal Investigator and Keller the project director. She briefly described the goals and objectives of the plan.
- Steckel explained a decision from SAMHSA on the grant would not be known until late September or early October.

#### **Moving SOC Forward (Mary Rolando)**

*Refer to handout, "Moving SOC Forward without New Resources"*

- Rolando explained her involvement with the process going back to the preliminary report and the original next steps and workgroup structure.
- She explained the four areas listed on the handout envisioned to expand SOC statewide.
- O'Neal thanked Rolando for all her work with CCMH and the Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination.

### **Workgroup/Next Steps (cont.) (Keller)**

*Refer to handout, “Workgroup Next Steps and CCMH Structure 2”*

- Keller gave an overview of the recent retreat attended by the workgroup co-chairs and the need to provide some additional guidance to the workgroups. During the retreat, co-chairs suggested the creation of new workgroups.
- Keller noted participant feedback and suggestions are an extremely valuable part of the process. Two suggestions from previous meetings were initiated at this meeting: the use of a wireless microphone for all speakers so everyone can hear, and placing the Council’s Purpose Statement on all agendas. (Design a comprehensive plan for a statewide System of Care for children and families that is family-driven, youth-guided, community-based and culturally and linguistically competent.)
- During lunch, a “community café” approach will be used to for participants to provide feedback and suggestions in response to the work accomplished by the co-chairs.
- Keller stated all the feedback will be compiled into a new document and e-mailed to all Council members. All members were asked to join a workgroup and all workgroups should meet before the August 25 meeting.

### **Regional Intervention Program (RIP) (Alysia Williams and Scott O’Neal)**

*Refer to PowerPoint handout, “RIP Parenting that Works”*

- Williams explained RIP is a nationally recognized parent implemented program targeted for children under age 6. Parents learn to work directly with their own children. Experienced RIP parents provide training to newly enrolled families. At least one adult family member attends RIP with the child for two 2-hour sessions per week (active treatment) and following completion of the course, each family “pays” for services received by assisting newer families on a session to session basis (payback treatment).
- Scott O’Neal, a parent staff, related the experiences of his family before and after RIP.

### **Family Driven Care (Shani Cutler)**

*Refer to PowerPoint handout, “Family Driven Care”*

- Cutler described family-driven care as when families have a primary decision-making role in the care of their own children. The concept comes from the National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health and is addressed in the President’s New Freedom Commission report. The Commission found outcomes improve when family and youth actively participate in treatment.
- Culter stated there will be a panel discussion and activities on family driven care for CCMH in the future.

### **Legislative Update (O’Neal)**

- O’Neal stated the General Assembly adjourned May 21. Unfortunately during this session, joint legislative oversight committees were abolished, including the Select

Committee on Children and Youth (SCCY). TCCY and CCMH opposed this legislation. The committee will end June 30. O'Neal recognized Cindy Perry for her leadership of SCCY. CCMH along with many other valuable projects were created from the work of SCCY.

- O'Neal updated the Council on sunset legislation for CCMH and TCCY, both passed during this session. They were extended until 2014 and 2015 respectively.
- She mentioned the youth sex offender registry legislation also passed and will create a non-public registry for first time offenders between the ages of 14-17. If a youth does not commit a subsequent offense by their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, they may petition the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to be removed. If they commit a subsequent offense, the youth will be placed on the public sex offender registry for life.
- O'Neal stated the Governor's proposed budget was released in March, and subsequent amendments were made including an amendment from the administration restoring serious cuts to TDMH and TennCare. The behavioral health provider rates discussed at the last meeting will not be cut.
- She reported TDMH has been directed to study the issues of assisted outpatient treatment (also known as Kendra's Law) and report to the legislature January 15.

#### **Discussion Plans for Future Meetings (O'Neal facilitating)**

- O'Neal stated future agenda items include infant and early childhood issues and services, changes at the managed care companies, workgroup reports and the additional information on the statewide SOC project.

Next Meeting  
August 25, 2011